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ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST PROTECTION IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for protection of environment and forests in Tamil Nadu during the Ninth five Year Plan;

(b) the quantity of forest products recovered during the last three years in the State with value thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to save the forest products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Allocations are made to the States annually under various plan schemes of the Ministry based on the project proposals received from them. So far an amount of Rs. 2790.27 lakhs has been released to the State of Tamil Nadu during Ninth Five-Year Plan under various schemes for the protection of Environment and Forests.

(b) 961.06 tonnes of sandalwood worth Rs. 3303.78 lakhs was seized during the last three years in the State.

(c) To curb the smuggling of forest products 3 Flying Squads, 21 Forest Stations, 11 Rowing Check Posts and 10 Forest Protection Squads are functioning in the state. For stricter enforcement Sec.55 (3) of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 has also been amended suitably.